GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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STROM IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a major strom in Assam in the recent past;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have sent any team to assess the loss and damage suffered by the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the assistance provided/likely to be provided to the State in this connection?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a): A severe cyclonic thunderstorm lashed through Kalapani area of Mankachar Revenue circle of Hatsingimari sub-division of Dhubri district of Assam on 22nd April, 2003.

(b)&(c): In the storm 35 persons lost their lives, 1500 persons were injured of which 150 were seriously injured, 517 head of cattle were lost, number of poultry lost was 1340 and about 2000 houses were fully/partially damaged. The total estimated damage was reported by the State Government to be around Rs. 2 crore.The Central Government has been in constant touch with the State Government and the State Government has not asked for the visit of the Central Team.

(d) BSF personnel who were in the area undertook rescue and evacuation operationsand had set up lungar and tents for the affected people. The State Government had deputed 5 Medical Teams and seriously injured people were transferred to district hospitals. Relief material was also distributed by the State Government.The Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) allocation of the State Government for the year 2003-04 is Rs.117.49 crore to which the Central Government contributes 75%. The State Government have adequate funds in the CRF to meet the relief requirements.